

## **Minutes of the Combined Health & Human Services Committee / Board Meeting**

**Thursday, March 27, 2003**

Chairs Herro and Farrell called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:** Supervisors Ken Herro (Chair), Sandy Wolff, Jim Jeskewitz, Paul Pronold, and Mareth Kipp. **Absent:** Supervisor Carl Seitz

**Board Members Present:** Citizen Members Dennis Farrell (Chair), Dick Wutt, Michael O'Brien, JoAnn Weidmann, and Supervisors Pat Haukohl, Duane Paulson, Duane Stamsta, Vera Stroud, and Joe Griffin. **Absent:** Citizen Member John Guy.

**Also Present:** Chief of Staff Lee Esler, Senior Financial Analyst Andy Thelke, Health & Human Services Director Peter Schuler, Long Term Care Manager Jack Bodien, Intake and Support Services Manager Don Maurer, Children and Family Services Manager Jesús Mireles, Adolescent and Family Services Manager, Pat Voss, Clinical Therapist Eve Altizer, Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee Chair Kathleen Adams, Children and Family Services Advisory Committee Chair Barb Holtz and citizens Sherry Schmidt, Mary Jo Schmidt, Debra Patterson, and Gina Sanchez.

### **COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **Approve Minutes of March 13, 2003**

**MOTION:** Kipp moved, seconded by Pronold to approve the minutes of March 13, 2003. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **Executive Committee Report**

Herro advised of the following issues discussed at the last Executive Committee meeting.

- Approved Ordinance for airport runway project
- Approved Ordinance re: Fiber Optic Line
- Reviewed County Code and made changes recommended by staff re statutes.

Herro announced that there is a meeting next Monday regarding corrections to the code.

#### **Correspondence**

Esler handed out a copy of report on the annual inspection of the Juvenile Detention Center.

#### **Meeting Approvals**

Kipp and Wolff would like to attend the WCHSA Conference which is held from May 14<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup>. Herro will look into getting the date of the Judiciary meeting changed so that they can attend the conference.

### **BOARD AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **Announcements**

Farrell announced that board members can send in their expense vouchers to Kathy Leach at the Health & Human Services Department.

Wutt announced that NAMI is having their annual awards presentation and dinner on May 5, 2003 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at Albanese's Restaurant.

### **Correspondence**

Schuler announced that information on the upcoming WCHSA conference is included in everyone's packet for today's meeting.

### **Approve Minutes of March 13, 2003**

**MOTION:** Paulson moved, seconded by Wutt to approve the minutes of March 13, 2003. Motion carried 9-0.

### **Approve Minutes of February 27, 2003**

**MOTION:** Stroud moved, seconded by Weidmann to approve the minutes of February 27, 2003. Motion carried 9-0.

### **Future Agenda Items**

Weidmann recommended that we have a representative from 211 appear at a future meeting.

Weidmann also suggested that Environmental Health be on a future agenda with the topic food safety. This is to include statistics from restaurant and food inspection and to include bioterrorism plans to assure food safety.

Farrell stated that he would like Amy Boyle to give a presentation on what effects the state budget could have on services for autistic children.

## **COMBINED AGENDA ITEMS**

### **Update on the Long Term Care Services Waiting Lists**

A copy of the status report regarding long term care waiting lists and a copy of a newspaper article was distributed to all attendees. Approximately 320 frail elderly, 120 physically disabled, and 177 developmentally disabled are waiting for community-based services in Waukesha County. Waiting periods vary from 2 years for the frail elderly to more than 5 years for the physically and developmentally disabled. It is much less costly to serve individuals in their own homes rather than in a CBRF or other institutional setting. Because only individuals that are financially and functionally eligible are placed on our wait list, many frail elderly end up receiving services in nursing homes because the situation becomes a crisis before they come up on the waiting list. This practice then prolongs the wait for those not in crisis.

### **Review the Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee Needs List**

A copy of the DDAC 2004 Needs List was distributed to all in attendance. Chair Adams introduced Debra Patterson, Sherry Schmidt and Mary Jo Schmidt. The identified needs included a planned annual reduction of the residential waiting list for adults with developmental disabilities. DDAC is also recommending there be a board resolution to the Governor and State Legislators supporting an increase in Family Support funding and Birth to Three funding. Debra Patterson, a consumer of our services, thanked the Board and Committee for supporting programs which have enabled her to live in the community rather than in a institution. Mary Jo Schmidt, also a consumer thanked the Board and Committee for supporting programs that have made it possible for her to live independently in an adult family home, work, and enjoy social

activities. Mary Jo and her mother, Sherry, ask that Waukesha County continue the support and services to the developmentally disabled so that they too have the opportunity to fully participate in the community independently.

### **Review the Children and Family Services Advisory Committee Needs List**

A copy of the CAFSAC 2004 Needs List was made available to all present. Chair Holtz introduced Gina Sanchez who receives support from Healthy Families which has enabled her to become a good parent, complete high school, get a good job and provide the emotional support she needed to break out from the family routine of abuse.

Items on the Needs List include an after school program for children with severe emotional disturbance and educate providers at an estimated cost of \$25,000; develop a flexible fund to provide transition services to youth and young adults at an estimated cost of \$30,000; promote the development of a restorative justice program report center and mentoring at an estimated cost of \$25,000 for each; provide resources for timely response to such “safety” services as BadgerCare at an estimated cost of \$45,000; provide funding for staffing, training and technical infrastructure to ensure that 211 calls are answered in a timely manner at an estimated cost of \$20,000; develop a 24-hour, short-term respite placement for children needing out-of-home crisis care to divert children from more costly shelter care or hospitalization at an estimated cost of \$30,000; and develop family-focused services to provide early intervention for children under age 12 who are frequently absent from school at an estimated cost of \$40,000.

### **Future Agenda Item**

Chair Herro asked that Health & Human Services Division Managers put together a list of costs associated with any new programs that are being requested. Chairs Herro and Farrell will meet to discuss the above.

**MOTION:** Paulson moved, seconded by Stamsta to adjourn the board portion of the meeting at 3:23 p.m. Motion carried 9-0.

### **Tour Protect the Planet**

Following the adjournment of the combined meeting at 3:23 p.m., committee members proceeded to Protect the Planet for a tour.

**MOTION:** Pronold moved, seconded by Silva to adjourn the committee portion of the meeting. Motion voted on and carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Recorded by Kathy Leach, Office Services Coordinator

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Silva  
Secretary